Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge – Sandhill Cranes Population Estimates Using Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

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The Department of the Interior – U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Aviation Management Directorate, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, performed the first small Unmanned Aircraft System proof-of-concept operation to collect data over Sandhill Crane migration sites to derive population estimates on the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, Monte Vista, Colorado. For more information: http://uas.usgs.gov

